| Item/Centre | July, 1992 | July, 1993 | July, 1994 | July , 1995 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tea | | | | |
| Delhi | 55.00 | 68.00 | 72.00 | 75.00 |
| Bombay | 55.00 | 74.00 | 76.00 | 76.00 |
| Calcutta | 40.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Madras | 85.00 | 98.00 | 105.00 | 105.00 |

(Source:—StatesrtJTs, Civil Supplies Departments)

**Commodities under Essential Commodities Act**

777. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the commodities which have been declared till 30th June, 1995 as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955;

(b) what has been the annual price variation in these commodities during the last three years;

(c) what action has been taken to control the prices of essential commodities; and

(d) the number .of cases booked under the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) List of 44 items of essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 is in the Statment-I *(See* below).

(b) This Ministry does not maintain price variation of all the essential commodities declared under the E.C. Act, 1995. However, percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities during the year ending June 93, June 94 and June 95 is in the Statment-II *(See* below).

(c) The Central Government has been monitoring the prices and availability of essential commodities. Efforts are being made to make available the essential commodities at reasonable rates to consumers. Imports are resorted to as and when required. The Central Government also advises the States/UT Governments to take stringent action against hoarders, and blackmarketeers indulging in unfair trade practices under Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Prevention of Blackmarketing, and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 and also for violating other Control Orders.

(d) The number of cases booked under the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 during the last three years, is shown in the Statement-Ill.

**Statement**

*List of Commodities declared Essential under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955*

*Declared under Clause (a) of Section 2 of the Act:*

1. Cattle fodder, including oilcakes and other concentrates.
2. Coal, including coke and other derivatives.
3. Component parts and accessories of automobiles.
4. Cotton and woolen textiles.
5. Drugs.

6. Foodstuffs, including edible oilseeds and Oils.
7. Iron and Steel, including manufactured products of Iron & Steel.
8. Paper, including newsprint, paperboard and straw board.
9. Petroleum and Petroleum products.
10. Raw Cotton, ehether ginned or unginned and cotton seeds.
11. Raw Jute.

*Declared under sub-clause (xi) of clause (a) of Section 2 of the Act*

12. Jute textiles.
13. Fertilizers, whether inorganic, organic or mixed.
14. Cement
15. Cinema Carbon.
16. Textile machinery.
    (i) Below room machinery,
    (ii) Carding engines.
    (iii) Draw frames.
    (iv) Speed frames.
    (v) Ring frames.
    (vi) Winding machines,
    (vii) Doubling machines,
    (viii) Reeling machines.
    (ix) Bundling machines.
    (x) Power looms.
    (xi) Baling machines.
    (xii) Side frames of power looms.
    (xiii) Spare parts of power looms and ring frames.
    (xiv) Wool combing machinery.
    (xv) Woolen:—
        (a) rag washing machines.
        (b) rag tearing machines.
        (c) rag cutting machine and
        (d) garnoting machines.
    (xvi) Warp knitting machines including Rashel knitting machines wroked by power;
    (xvii) embroidery machines, other than sewing type embroidery machines worked by power and used for decorating the textile fabrics with designs formed with any type of thread by the help of needles;
    (xviii) Lace making machines worked by power and used for production of fabrics of open mesh or net formed by crossing and intertwisting thread; and
    (xix) machines worked by power and used for printing of cloth by means of engraved rollers or screens.
17. Textiles made from silk.
18. Textiles made wholly or in part from man-made cellulosic and non-cellulosic spun fibre.
19. Textiles made wholly or in part from cellulosic and non-cellulosic filament yam.
20. Ferro-silicon
21. Silico-manganese
22. Ferro-chrome
23. Ferro-molydenum
24. Ferro-tungsten
25. Ferro-manganese
26. Ferro-vanadium
27. Ferro-phosphorus
28. Ferro-titandium
29. Ferrous scrap/containing more than.
    (i) 0.50 Percent Nickel or
    (ii) 0.20 Percent Molybdenum, or
    (iii) 1.00 Percent Tungsten, or
    (iv) 0.20 Percent Vanadium, or
    (v) 1.00 Percent Cobalt.
30. General lighting Service Lamps.
31. Household appliances such as electric iron, neater and the like.
32. Synthetic Rubber.

33. Polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.) resins and compounds.
34. Coconut husk (raw or retted).
35. Electric Cables and wires.
36. Man-made cellulosic and non-cellulosic staple fibre.
37. Yarn made wholly or in part from any of the following materials namely:—

    (i) cotton, (ii) wool, (iii) man-made cellulosic spun fibre, (iv) man-made non-cellulosic spun fibre, (v) silk.

38. (i) man-made cellulosic and Non-cellulosic filmanent yam, (ii) Nylon Tyre/Cord/Fabric.
39. Exercise Books.
40. Coir fibre extracted from coconut husks.
41. Insecticides Fungicides, Weedicides and the like.
42. Tea.
43. (i) seeds of food crops and seeds of fruit and vegetables, (ii) seeds of cattle fodder and (iii) jute seeds.
44. (i) Switches for domestic and similar purposes

(ii) 2-AMP Switches, (iii) 3-Pin plugs and Socket out lets.

**Statement II**

*Percentage Variation in the wholesale Price Indices of selected essential commodities during the year ending June 93, June 94*

| Commodity | June 93 | June 94 | June 95 | (Base 1981-82=100) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | -0.6 | + 14.9 | +8.7 | |
| Wheat. | +7.7 | + 11.8 | -1.0 | |
| Jaw*f,,r | 33.6 | +6.7 | +61.7 | |
| Bajra | -39.3 | +51.7 | + 10.4 | |
| Gram | +33.8 | +31.0 | -23.1 | |
| Arhar | -1.6 | +13.2 | +53:4 | |
| Moong | -10.4 | +20.6 | + 10.6 | |
| Masoor | +0.8 | +23.5 | +20.8 | |
| Urad | -13.2 | +43.2 | +61.1 | |
| Potatoes ' | +22.7 | -5.7 | +27.1 | |
| Onions | +28.9 | +13.7 | -4.7 | |
| Milk | +10.2 | +9.6 | +2.8 | |
| Fish | +24.0 | +64.5 | +8.0 | |
| Mutton | +4.0 | +18.1 | +20.7 | |
| Chillies | -62.2 | +28.5 | +47.2 | |
| Tea | +16.0 | -13.0 | +6.1 | |
| Soft Coke | +14.2 | +4.6 | +2.3 | |
| Kerosene | Steady | Steady | Steady | |
| Atta | +3.1 | +5.7 | +4.4 | |
| Sugar | +14.8 | +23.6 | +10.5 | |
| Gur | +74.1 | +6.4 | -7.5 | |
| Salt | +10.1 | +0.9 | +18.5 | |
| Vanaspati | -18.4 | +6.8 | + 11.4 | |

| Commodity | June 93 | June 94 | June 95 | (Base 1981-82=100) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mustard Oil | -6.7 | +9.5 | +6.9 | |
| Coconut Oil | -5.3 | -18.8 | +8.0 | |
| Groundnut Oil | -13.2 | +24.5 | +20.8 | |
| Cotton Cloth (Mills) | +3.9 | +22.2 | +17.0 | |
| All Commodities | +7.0 | + 11.8 | +8.3 | |

**Statement III**

*Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 — Statement showing number of persons ordered to be detained during the last three years — Statewise and Yearwise*

| s. No. | State/UT | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 12 | 17 | 25 | 4 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | — | — | — | — |
| 3. | Assam | 1 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| 4. | Bihar | — | — | — | — |
| 5. | Gujarat | 147 | 101 | 39 | 25 |
| 6. | Goa | — | — | — | — |
| 7. | Haryana | — | — | — | — |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | — | — | — | — |
| 9. | Jammu & Kashmir | Act does not apply to this State | | | |
| 10. | Karnataka | — | — | 1 | — |
| ll. | Kerala | — | — | — | — |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | — | 2 | 1 | — |
| 13. | Mahrashtra | — | — | 1 | — |
| 14. | Manipur | — | — | — | — |
| 15. | Meghalaya | — | — | — | — |
| 16. | Mizoram | — | — | — | — |
| 17. | Nagaland | — | — | — | — |
| 18. | Orissa | 6 | 6 | — | 5 |
| 19. | Punjab | -~ | — | — | — |
| 20. | Rajasthan | — | — | __ | __ |
| 21. | Sikkim | — | __ | _ | — |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 6 | _ | __ | _ |
| 23. | Tripura | Act not being enforced by the State Govt. | | | |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | — | — | 3 | — |
| 25. | West Bengal | Act not being | enforced by | the State Govt. | |
| 26. | A & N Islands | — | — | — | _ |
| 27. | Chandigarh | — | ___ | ____ | ___ |
| 28. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | — | — | — | _____ |
| 29. | Delhi | — | — | ____ | ___ |
| 30. | Daman & Diu | — | — | — | _ |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | — | — | — | — |
| 32. | Pondicherry | — | — | | __ |